

# EDITORIALS

## Vote Tomorrow!

There is an election in Torrance tomorrow—Friday, May 17—and it is important that the proposed 20-cent tax override for El Camino college be approved. Furthermore, Torrance residents have an opportunity to show their appreciation for the splendid services of one of their own friends and neighbors, Mr. Jack Dabbs, who is unopposed for re-election to the Board of Trustees which he now serves as president.

The override will be in effect for five years and taxpayers should know that the college has no bonded indebtedness and that its original override of 25 cents was discontinued when revenues increased with the industrial growth of the district.

El Camino has great stature as an educational institution, due in great part to the capable direction of Dr. Forrest Murdock and appreciation the people of the district have shown in courses offered by the school. The adult education program is comprehensive and geared to the needs of the communities in the district.

There is no controversy in this election but it still is important that the financial needs of this great institution be guaranteed. The El Camino district extends from Inglewood and the Beach cities through Torrance. It is our opinion that the proposed tax override is reasonable and should be approved.

## Welcome to Coleman

Torrance can number among its new blessings the plant of the Coleman Engineering Co. This fine organization would be a credit to any community and its location here is further evidence of the desirability of Torrance as a good place in which to work and live.

In their new local plant the company will extend its research and development projects into unique fields associated with supersonic flight. Coleman employs are skilled and many have scientific backgrounds. They represent the most desirable type of new citizenry, the kind any community in America would like to claim as friends and neighbors.

The monthly breakfast meeting of the Chamber of Commerce heard Tom Tracey, assistant to the president of Coleman and an old time flier, predict that the "Coleman family" would not only contribute their part financially to worth-while community projects, but would supply manpower for community leadership.

Planning and other city officials deserve credit for cooperating with Coleman in re-locating their plant to the new Del Amo tract. This is the kind of assistance officials can give in making sure that every desirable industrialist will come to look upon Torrance as an industrial center with a present and a future.

THE HERALD welcomes Coleman Engineering to Torrance.

## Public Service Pro

In the years to come you will be hearing more about the Coro Foundation, an organization set up by business and industrial philanthropies for the purpose of providing "internships" in public affairs. In short, it will train young men and women to give truly professional service in public affairs and government.

Established in 1942 in San Francisco, the Foundation only recently opened a Southern California branch. Of special interest to local residents is the fact that the director of the new branch has selected Torrance for his residence. He is Austin Woodward, a personable young man who is anxious to carry the message of Coro to any good citizens who are interested.

Professional training for politics is not always necessary for some individuals who have a natural genius for public administration. All too often, however, people are appointed or elected to office who possess few attributes and little to recommend them for the important roles they are to take. That is the one great argument in favor of the City Manager plan which has worked out so satisfactorily here in Torrance. The public's business has become big business and certainly the taxpayer is now entitled to know that his funds are being spent by officials who know at least something about their jobs.

A career in public life offers great opportunities for the young man or woman who will secure scientific or professional training. It is a field that must attract young people in greater numbers. Coro training is a step in the right direction.

## The Scout-O-Rama

The Scout-O-Rama ticket which can be purchased up to June 8 from any eager Cub, Scout, or Explorer is an interested citizen's way to participate in real American tradition.

Not only will a great event be viewed, but your dollar purchase is split to benefit the boy and his unit, build a finer Scouting program, and to provide the camps and program facilities so necessary for boys in this vast metropolitan area.

Four hundred booths, each a show in itself, will demonstrate Scouting's fine work in our neighborhood as the business community and the Scout community are matched together as partners and co-operators of the booths.

Your Scout-O-Rama ticket opens the door to the future for many fine boys in the Los Angeles Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

## Sticks And Stones—



REG-MANNING AFTER HOURS By John Morley

## Viewing the Norman Case

We have just concluded a lecture tour through many of the 48 states from California to Maine. From every part of the nation liberal spokesmen have been very critical of the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security's handling of the case involving the late Canadian ambassador, E. Herbert Norman, who committed suicide in Cairo recently.

Some of the liberal press accused Senator Eastland and Robert Morris of conducting another "McCarthy Witch Hunt." Some have gone so far as to accuse the Senate sub-committee of "pushing Ambassador Norman off the high building in Cairo," where he plunged to his death, by unwisely releasing testimony accusing Ambassador Norman of former Communist affiliations. This feeling is shared officially by the Canadian government and press. Popular indignation at the United States has been aroused ever since the senate committee released its charges against Mr. Norman.

The senate sub-committee, performing its proper legal function, publicly released certain testimony of a former Communist indicating that at one time former Canadian ambassador to Egypt, E. Herbert Norman, had been a member of a Communist cell on Cape Cod. The Canadian government now claims that it had known all along of Mr. Norman's former Communist affiliations, but affirmed its confidence in his loyalty, which may be well founded. But these charges against Ambassador Norman were not new. In 1951 another U. S. senate internal security committee released similar charges of Communist affiliations against Mr. Norman, which the Canadian government denied. At that time Mr. Norman was Canada's representative at the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco. Instead of acknowledging familiarity with Mr. Norman's former Communist affiliations, the Canadian government issued a strong denial. Soon after Canada promoted Mr. Norman as ambassador to Egypt, indeed a very delicate assignment for a person so accused by the United States. It appears now that the Canadian government knew of Mr. Norman's former Red connections and made the appointment in spite of his record.

Soon after the release of the sub-committee testimony on his former Communist affiliations, Ambassador Norman went to the roof of his Cairo apartment house and jumped to his death. He left only a personal note to his wife saying in part "that life had become unbearable." This suicide prompted the Canadian government to threaten to withhold any future information on mutual security if this information were to be publicly released to senate committees. This implied that Norman's suicide was the result of mis-handling of security information by the U. S. government. Nothing could be further from the facts.

As recent as a week ago Canada's minister of external affairs, Lester B. Pearson, led the Canadian people to believe "there was not a word of truth to the U. S. charges that Norman had ever been a Communist." The following day, after the release of this statement, under pressure from conservative members of the Canadian parliament, the same Mr. Pearson admitted that "in his student days Norman was a member of the Communist party and openly associated with known Communists . . . but that he ultimately admitted to the Canadian government that he had followed mistaken beliefs and a false Communist ideology." This belated revelation came as a shock to many Canadians who felt that their government had been less than frank with diem and the people. John Diefenbaker, leader of the Conservative opposition, announced that the Norman case would be an issue in the next election campaign. He further stated that if the government had made known its knowledge of Norman's former Red affiliations, he would have not been approved as ambassador to Egypt.

Probably Messrs. Eastland and Morris and other members of the senate security committee were justified in their lack of confidence in the diligence of some foreign nations on security and espionage matters. In our experience, Canadian and British loyalty has been notorious. U. S. investigators no doubt had vivid recollections of Guy Burgess and Donald MacLean spying in the innermost reaches of the British foreign office; Klaus Fuchs, Bruno Pontecorvo and other diplomats and scientists who escaped from Canadian and British soil as traitors, loaded with U. S. secrets entrusted to Canada and England.

Most Americans deplore the suicide of Ambassador Norman. But by his very act Mr. Norman raised many doubts about his personal stability and even the extent of his loyalty. For a person resorting to suicide under political pressure is certainly not the kind of person to be entrusted with such a highly diplomatic post as ambassador to Egypt.

In our opinion, it reeks with injustice to accuse the U. S. senate, or any Americans, of responsibility with Ambassador Norman's suicide. A man of strength, loyalty and fortitude, of the manner described by his supporters in Canada and the U. S., and having clearance and the confidence of his own government, simply does not commit suicide on the testimony of a witness before the U. S. senate sub-committee. No one charged Mr. Norman with subversion. He had ample opportunity to answer his accusers in the U. S. if he wished—or to ignore them—since evidently his government had ignored them in the past. Mr. Norman's true reasons for jumping to his death in all probability have died with him.

## Civilization Report

Just to prove how uncivilized we are, we're still having accidents at railroad crossings.

Life is this way. When our children are young, they're always saying and doing things that embarrass us. Finally, they grow up and then we say and do things that embarrass them.

A reader writes: "Dear Mr. Glazer. I was playing poker last night and just as I filled a royal flush, I fell asleep. Am I losing my mind?"

Answer: What time can we pick you up?

I'm getting sick and tired of reading about those foreign cars which promise 40 miles to a gallon of gas. I'm rooting excitedly for the American inventor who is working on a carburetor that saves 30 per cent on gas, a timer that saves 50 per cent, and spark plugs that save another 30 per cent. He promises that after driving five miles, your gas tank will fill up and spill over.

Now that we have king-sized inflation, I've finally found a way to keep all my bills down. I'm using an extra heavy paperweight.

Gene Sherman columns

## YOUR PROBLEMS by Ann Landers

# A Side Street Affair

Dear Ann: What do you think of a mother who has been going with a married man for 18 years?

When my brother and I were younger we didn't think much about it. Now that we're married and have children of our own, we feel it's a disgrace to the entire family.

This man doesn't live with his wife. He does support her and his children, however, and visits them whenever he feels like it. Sometimes they go out together and act like everything is lovely.

Our mother thinks nothing of being seen in public with this married man even though everyone knows it's a side-street affair. She's 64 years old and struts like a spring chicken. What can we do to prevent OUR children from suffering the shame we've suffered because of this immoral woman who is their grandmother?—X and Y.

There isn't one thing you can do about this 18-year-old barn-yard romance. The old hen will continue to strut like a spring chicken, so give your blood pressure a break and look the other way.

Your mother wasn't concerned with how her unconventional cavorting affected her own children. Why do you think she'd be concerned about yours? You are in no way responsible for your mother's behavior, so write it off as one of those things over which you have no control.

(P.S.—The less said about Granny's hi-jinks in the presence of the kids—the better.)

Dear Ann: I have a neighbor who is well known for her wonderful cakes and pies. Whenever she donates any baked goods to a church bazaar, everyone rushes to buy whatever she brings.

I've done this woman lots of favors in the 12 years we've been neighbors so I didn't think it was nery to ask for the recipe for her wonderful sunshine cake. She gave it to me (be-grudgingly) and I followed it carefully. The cake was a miserable failure. I wasted a half pound butter and eight eggs. When I asked what went wrong she blamed it on my oven.

I had the oven adjusted and tried the cake again. Result—another flop. This time I checked my recipe against hers and found she doubled the amount of baking soda on me. She denied it and I said I "misunderstood."

I decided to give it one more try. Well, the cake was so dry it wouldn't come out

of the pan. I invited her over to see the mess and she blew up. Her stinging remarks that "some people are so dumb they don't even know how to beat a batter" made me furious. What does all this sound like to you?—Oleo Ollie.

It sounds like somebody wasted an awful lot of butter and eggs. Don't be too sure that your neighbor "micky-moused" the recipe. It could be that you have a psychological block where that sunshine cake is concerned. Why don't you buy HERS at the church bazaars and try the mixes? I hear they're great.

Dear Ann: A few months ago I started to date a very fine man. I was recovering from an unhappy love affair and wanted nothing more than an understanding friend. I LIKE this person a great deal but he certainly doesn't send me and never could be of romantic interest. I'm afraid he's fallen in love with me and I am sick about it.

I've been seeing another man that I'm deeply infatuated with and I don't know what to do about Number 1. He's sensitive and I'm afraid this will break his heart. I'm the first girl he ever cared about and I'd hate to turn him against all women forever. What shall I do?—Jody.

There are times when we have to be cruel to be kind. If you suspect this man feels something for you that is not mutual, by all means play it straight and let him know. He'll appreciate your honesty and the broken heart will heal much faster than if you let him carry a torch for a hopeless cause. Better let him know now or it will hit him like a bag of wet cement later.

Confidentially: Alibi Ike: Don't worry, I won't print your letter. Do you think I want to lose my job?

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## LAW IN ACTION

# Medical Care Tips

### YOUR CHILD AND THE DOCTOR

It's a good idea to give written consent for necessary medical care if your child leaves home for a visit or a camping trip, or if you plan to be away for any length of time.

Summer is coming and with it the annual crop of children injured at play and in camp.

A scoutmaster may bring a boy into a hospital to have a broken leg set. But the doctor may well say he cannot go ahead without the parents' consent.

Is the doctor arbitrary, and is such permission just a technicality? No, he is well within his rights, though he may give first aid—but only for emergency treatment where a child's health or life may be at stake. He is likely to put off follow-up care until he can reach the child's parents.

Relative or baby sitters without written instructions from parents cannot grant consent for a child's treatment.

Even an adult must seek or consent to medical care on his own before a doctor can give it to him. And children cannot do this. By going to your doctor you show your willingness and consent to accept his treatment. Your consent is

assumed also when you ask for a house call by the doctor or a visiting nurse, or if in an accident you come to a hospital for emergency treatment. If you are unconscious, the doctor may well give you emergency care, yet later he should get your consent to further treatment.

Minors cannot consent to medical treatment, but except in dire emergencies their parents or guardians must give it for them.

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